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SUBJECT: H1N1 UPDATE: 10,155 CONFIRMED CASES

REF: A) Berlin 977, B) Berlin 962 and previous.

11. (U) SUMMARY: The number of H1N1 infections in Germany crossed the 10,000 mark as 385 new cases were confirmed on August 11 -- increasing the total to 10,155 cases. The majority of new infections occurred abroad. END SUMMARY.

12. (U) On August 11, the National Reference Center for Influenza at the Robert Koch Institute (RKI) confirmed an increase of 385 new laboratory and non-laboratory H1N1 cases in Germany over yesterday. New cases were distributed as follows among the federal states: North Rhine-Westphalia (133), Lower Saxony (117), Baden-Wuerttemberg (45), Bavaria (40), Berlin (21), Hamburg (21), Saxony-Anhalt (7) and Bremen (1).

13. (U) According to RKI, 294 of the 385 new cases are attributed to people returning from travel abroad. New cases include also non-laboratory H1N1 cases from people who exhibited symptoms after being in contact with a laboratory confirmed infected person. So far, all new cases are reportedly mild.

14. (U) North Rhine-Westphalia remains the German state with the highest number of confirmed H1N1 cases with a total of 3,716 cases followed by Lower-Saxony (1866) and Baden-Wuerttemberg (1014). About 22 percent (2232) of all confirmed infections in Germany have resulted from domestic transmission.

NRW against extension of school break  
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15. (U) A medical expert commission in NRW decided today not/not to change first day of school scheduled to begin on August 17. Experts had previously contemplated an extension of summer break in an attempt to prevent further spread of the virus (ref B). The new school year has already begun in Bremen, Lower-Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia. The federal states of Hesse and Baden-Wuerttemberg are still considering extending the summer break.

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